

## **Minerals Sector Safety Passport – Frequently asked Questions**

### **What is the annual CPD requirement for trainers to be able to deliver this course?**

All trainers are required to log a minimum of 7 hours per annum out of a total of 35 hours of CPD in relation to the extractives, process and relating manufacturing industries. CPD records must be submitted for monitoring by MPQC Awarding Organisation in December each year.

### **What areas does the MPQC/ SPA Contractor Safety Passport Scheme cover?**

The MPQC/SPA Contractor Passport Scheme is intended to cover contractors working within quarrying environments along with other extractive, mineral products and related manufacturing operational sites such as recycling, waste, concrete, mortar, cement and asphalt plants, factories, wharfs, depots, warehousing or surface mining. It does not however extend to deep mining or logistics/ Haulier operations.

### **Why does personal information need to be collected from the Candidate?**

In order to manage the delivery of qualification, it is necessary for MPQC to maintain data about individuals. This information is subject to control under Data Protection legislation. Individuals are entitled to request access information held about them by MPQC.

### **How long is the MPQC/ SPA Contractor Safety Passport card valid for?**

On successful completion of the course, Candidates are issued with a passport which is valid for three years from the date of the course.

### **When will I have to re-new the MPQC/SPA Contractor Safety Passport card?**

Candidates wishing to renew their passports are advised to ensure they allow sufficient time (probably 6 months) to book onto a renewal course prior to the expiry of their passport. Once the passport has expired the contractor will be required to do a 2-day course again i.e. there is no grace period under this scheme.

### **How is the MPQC/SPA Contractor Safety Passport course assessed?**

At the end of each day, contractors will take a multi-choice examination paper. The examination papers for day one and day two will be divided into sub-sets and contractors will be expected to achieve a pass mark of 80%.

### **If I fail the test can I re-sit?**

If an individual fails the examination they will be provided with the opportunity to re-sit this using a different paper. However, if they fail the second re-sit the following will apply:

If attending a 2-day course any Candidate who fails the second re-sit examination on the first day will not be permitted to take the final day of the course. In these circumstances, they will be required to retake the full course at additional cost.

If attending a 1-day renewal course any Candidate who fails the second re-sit examination will be required to retake the full 2-day course at additional cost.

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